

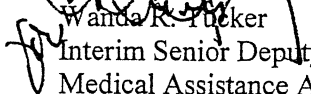
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Medical Assistance Program  
Transmittal No: 03-36

Senior Deputy Director  
for Health Care Finance

TO: All District of Columbia HIV/AIDS Waiver Providers

FROM:   
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DATE: August 4, 2003

SUBJECT: Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

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The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA had devised many local codes for the District's HIV/AIDS Waiver providers to accommodate special needs and circumstances; however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked all active HIV/AIDS Waiver local codes to standard codes.

To assist the District's Medicaid HIV/AIDS Waiver providers with the transition to standard codes, MAA has enclosed an Attachment that provides a crosswalk between the current local codes and standard codes. A copy of the revised HIV/AIDS Waiver Provider billing manual will be provided separately. Additionally, the proposed transition from local codes to standard codes will not change the current reimbursement payment(s) for the District Medicaid HIV/AIDS Waiver providers.

Please note that, effective August 31, 2003 MAA will discontinue the use of current local codes for the HIV/AIDS Waiver providers. Medicaid claims submitted by the District of Columbia HIV/AIDS Waiver providers for services rendered on or after September 1, 2003 should be submitted using only the standard codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk at (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Local Code Crosswalk – HIV/AIDS Waiver Providers